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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : As the Government are bearing the full deficit of the local boards, what is the difficulty in converting these high schools into Government high schools?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : In course of time, they will be converted into Government schools.

Polytechnic for women

* 124 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to start a polytechnic for women with the aid of UNESCO; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) There is a proposal to start a polytechnic for women but not with the aid of UNESCO.

(*b*) The proposed polytechnic will have the following courses :—

Nature of the course.	*Strength.*
(1) Electronics (Radio Engineering)	20
(2) Secretarial Course	30
(3) Costume designing and Dress-making	20
(4) Civil Engineering Draughtsmanship	30

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us where the polytechnic will be located?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : We are in search of a place and we have not been able to find one. We are just now examining whether we can get suitable accommodation in the centre of the City. As soon as a decision is taken about the location, we will start it.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Government locate it in the mufassal, say in South Arcot or in any other district?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : We propose to have three such polytechnics under the Third Five-Year Plan. One of them will be in Madras and the other two will be in the mufassal centres. Which exactly are the centres has not been decided.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : How is it, Sir, the Government thought Civil Engineering to be a fit subject for women?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is the draughtsman's course, and they are best fitted for it.

Paper factory

* 125 *Q.*—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any

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proposal to establish any paper factory for manufacturing writing and printing paper with the use of bagasse made available by the sugar factories?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Six factories have been licensed for the manufacture of paper in the State. One or two of them propose to use bagasse, among other things, as raw material. Since the factories are being set up in the private sector, the use of raw materials will be decided by the sponsors themselves.

State Transport buses

* 126 *Q.*—SRIMATHI T. L. THIRUPURASUNDARI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of State Transport buses condemned since the date of nationalization of the City Transport and the estimated cost thereof;

(*b*) the nature of the disposal of the condemned buses and the amount realized;

(*c*) the total cost of spare parts found missing and the action taken in this regard?

(*d*) the number and cost of buses purchased since the date of nationalization; and

(*e*) the average number of State Transport buses plying daily, in the (i) City and (ii) Mufassal?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) The number of Madras State Transport buses condemned since the date of nationalization up to 31st March 1962 was 422. Their assessed value was Rs. 11,97,438.

(*b*) All the condemned buses were disposed of in public auction and the amount realized was Rs. 30,38,921.

(*c*) No ready list of spare parts found missing is available. The time and energy involved in collecting the figures ever since the inception of the Department will not be commensurate with the public interest to be served. In every case of loss of spare parts, action is promptly taken to fix the responsibility and to effect recoveries wherever responsibility for the loss can be fixed on any particular individual or individuals.

(*d*) The total number of buses purchased is 1,085 at a cost of Rs. 4,42,67,345.

(*e*) The daily average number of buses run during May 1962 was 337 in the City and 112 in the mufassal.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : How many buses were damaged on the 19th instant and what is the extent of the loss?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Fifty-three buses were damaged on the 19th of July 1962. The visible loss has been estimated at Rs. 12,000—the loss to the bodies of buses. The loss in collection is estimated at Rs. 31,000.